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Rebetiko Retrospective Concert to Benefit Modern Greek Studies

On Saturday, April 16, 1994, 8:00 PM, the ***Center for Modern Greek Studies*** and the ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation*** will present a major musical event at San Francisco's ***Herbst Theater*** (401 Van Ness Avenue). ***REBETIKI PAREA***, a group of Bay Area professional musicians will perform the authentic music of ***rebetika*** in a retrospective that will include songs by ***rebetiko*** masters including ***Vamvakaris***, ***Tsitsanis***, ***Papaioannou*** and ***Mitsakis***. The concert will be in honor of the last living master of ***rebetiko***, ***Kostas Kaplanis***, a resident of the Bay Area. Some of Kaplanis' most memorable compositions will be included in the evening's program.

The concert is a benefit for the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair/Modern Greek Studies Program at SFSU. We are grateful to the musicians of *REBETIKI PAREA* for offering their time and talents, *gratis*, in this benefit performance:

George Chittenden	-	Guitar
Vaggelis Fragiadakis	-	Bouzouki, Baglama, Vocal
Lise Liepman	-	Santouri, Baglama
Nancy Klein	-	Toubeleki
Kostas Papamichael	-	Vocal, Guitar

The *rebetiko* retrospective is given under the auspices of the ***Consulate General of Greece in San Francisco***, and with the cooperation of the ***Hellenic American Professional Society***, the ***Hellenic Traditional Arts Institute***, ***Democritos Professional Society*** and the ***United Hellenic American Societies of Northern California***.

The concert will be followed by a reception in the Lounge of the theater. Tickets may be purchased from City Box Office, 144 Kearney Street, at Sherman Clay, San Francisco or from BASS locations throughout the Bay Area.

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Greek Independence Anniversary Program

The 173rd Anniversary of the ***Greek War of Independence*** will be celebrated by our community on Saturday, March 19, 1994, with a cultural program, *Hellenism and the Struggle for Freedom*. The event will be presented by the ***United Hellenic American Societies of Northern California*** and the ***Center for Modern Greek Studies***. Special guest speaker will be author, lecturer and broadcaster ***Arianna Stassinopoulos-Huffington***. Ms. Stassinopoulos-Huffington's books ***The Female Woman***, ***Maria Callas: the Woman Behind the Legend*** and ***Picasso: Creator and Destroyer*** have been translated into several languages and in May, Simon and Schuster will publish her latest work, *The Fourth Instinct*.

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Rebetiko Retrospective continued...

To charge tickets on VISA or MasterCard by phone, call 415/392-4400 or BASS at 415/776-1999 or 510/762-2277. Prices are: $20, $15 and $10 for general admission and $15, $12 and $8 for students (with ID) and seniors.

A souvenir program will be available with song texts in Greek and in English translation on the evening of the concert. For further information, call the Center for Modern Greek Studies at 415/338-1892.

Independence Day Program continued...

The celebration will be held at the ***McKenna Theater***, Creative Arts Building, on the San Francisco State University Campus (Holloway Avenue and Font Street, one long block west of 19th Avenue). The presentation begins at 7:30 PM. Donation at the door is $10 general and $5 for students. A reception will follow the evening's program. For information call: Titika Koplos at 510/339-2947 or Irene Mullin at 415/661-5795.

Modern Greek Studies Foundation Board of Directors News

Congratulations to ***Dr. Peter Haikalis***, who was honored in February, by the ***Hellenic American Professional Society*** with this year's ***AXION Award***! The presentation took place in the Richmond Room of ***Ascension Cathedral***, on the occasion of HAPS' ***Annual Greek Letters Celebration***.

Dr. Peter Haikalis, *center, Second Vice President of the* ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation*** *receiving the* ***1994 AXION Award*** *of the* ***Hellenic American Professional Society***, *with* ***Senator Nicholas C. Petris***, *left, President of MGSF and* ***Dimitri Carapanos***, *right, President of HAPS*

More Board of Directors news...

At the annual Board meeting of the ***MGSF***, held in February, the following Directors were elected or re-elected to its Executive Committee for the next one-year term:

Senator Nicholas C. Petris, *President*
George M. Marcus, *Chairman of the Board*
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Dr. Peter Haikalis, *Second Vice President*
Anastasia Condas, *Secretary*
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The following were elected members at large on the Executive Committee:

Judge Demetrios Agretelis
Virginia Lagiss
Harry Lefakis
and
Athena Vutiritsas

Welcome to ***Angel Stoyanof***, who is a new member of the Board of Directors!

Greek American Futures Workshop Review

On the occasion of Futures Series, ***Dr. Alice Scourby***, left, keynote lecturer, and ***Virginia Lagiss***, right, member-at-large of the MGSF

Congratulations to ***Democritos Professional Society***, ***Dynamis***, the ***Helienic American Professional Society*** and the ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation*** for the organization of the very well attended ***Greek American Futures: Visions and Actions*** workshop, held in February. Keynote speaker ***Dr. Alice Scourby*** presented a lecture, ***Greek Americans in the 21st Century***, as well as information on the recently established ***Greek American Women's Network***. In conjunction with Dr. Scourby's lecture, and as part of the two-day Futures series, a workshop was also held to assess the local community now and into the 21st century.

Many thanks to the attendees, but special acknowledgements to ***Mary Nicholson***, ***Loula Anaston***, ***Anastasia Condas***, ***Penelope Conomos***, ***Manthos Economou***, ***Peter*** and ***Susan Haikalis***, ***George*** and ***Anne Konstantopoulos***, ***Virginia Lagiss***, ***Harry Lefakis***, ***Victor Makras***, ***Leo Malliarys***, ***Mary Thodos*** and ***Athena Vutiritsas*** for their hard work in the preparation of the series.

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Melina is Gone— Her Spirit Lives...

As we go to press Greece, and countless people outside Greece, mourn the loss of ***Melina Mercouri****, the fiery actress and political/cultural champion of many Greek causes. Few contemporary Greeks stirred the hearts and minds of her fellow citizens and gained the admiration of people from all over the world—as Melina did. Throughout her long career and life she stood, courageously and uncompromisingly, for the values and principles she believed in: the highest Hellenic values—love of freedom, of humanity, of beauty. As a minister of culture she worked tirelessly for the advancement of the arts and the preservation of Hellenic cultural treasures.*

She loved the work of Nikos Kazantzakis and embodied much of his spirit; in many ways she was a Kazantzakian giant of her own unique kind—an unrelenting fighter for the elevation of our humanity. She will continue to inspire us, in a vital way, for a long while still...

—Th. M.

Recent Contributors to the MGSF

Demetrios Agretelis
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Dimitri Carapanos • Anastasia Condas
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Peter Lagarias • Harry Lefakis
George & Cleo Lekas • Chrysanthy Leones
Victor Makras • Stelios Mavromihalis
Eugenia Nobis • Paul Peters
Dr. Nicholas L. Petrakis
Dr. John Siambis • John Vasil
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In Memory of Nicholas Christofilos, Jr.

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The Art of Isadora Duncan at Theater Artaud

Lori Belilove and Company brilliantly revive the choreography and spirit of Isadora Duncan -- and the spirit of classical Greece! The Company will perform Thursday through Saturday, April 7-9, 8:00 PM and Sunday, April 10, 3:00 PM at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida Street (between 17th Street and Mariposa), San Francisco. For information, call 415/621-7797. Tickets available through BASS and TIX outlets at $12.50 per person.

The ***Center for Modern Greek Studies*** will co-host a reception at the opening night performance, Thursday, April 7.

Fall 1994 Courses

BEGINNING MODERN GREEK
Instructor: Effie Kalafatis
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:35 - 1:50 PM

INTERMEDIATE MODERN GREEK
Instructor: Effie Kalafatis
Thursdays, 4:10 - 6:55 PM

DOSTOEVSKY & KAZANTZAKIS
Instructor: Thanasis Maskaleris
Wednesdays, 4:10 - 6:55 PM

Members of the community are welcome to enroll through Extended Education. For additional information, please call the Center for Modern Greek Studies at 415-338-1892.

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